

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawings with the presently filed replacement drawings. The drawings resolve minor discrepancies from the originally filed (hand drawn) drawings. It was discovered that there were numerous errors in the previously filed formal drawings. Thus, for clarity in identifying changes to the drawings, please disregard all previously filed replacement drawings. The replacement drawings filed herewith and marked up copy are corrected to the original drawings, and indicate in red changes from the originally filed drawings (adding numbers omitted but discussed in the specification). A clean copy of the drawings is provided.

Changes to the drawings (relative to the original drawings) are as follows:

FIG. 1: Reference numerals 112 (facing strip) and 116 (backing strip) have been added. These structures are discussed at paragraph 32. Dashed assembly lines indicating how the structure is assembled have been added.

FIG. 1A: Numerals 134 and 140 for the second slot and hole have been changed to 134' and 140' as is consistent with the discussion at paragraph 37. Please note that FIG. 1A shows only a portion of plate 104, and does not show plate 108.

FIG. 2: Numerals 134 and 138 have been added to identify the holes in plates 104 and 108. Such is consistent with paragraph 38 and Figures 1 and 1A and related discussion.

FIG. 3: Numeral 160 has been removed as it was shown twice in the original figures. Numerals 172 and 134 have been added for structures previously shown and identified in paragraph 42 and with respect to Figures 1 and 1A. The 2x4 164 has also been crossed hatched as wood, as discussed in the specification paragraph 41.

FIG. 3b: numeral 150' has been added as discussed in paragraph 48. The 2x4 164 has also been crossed hatched as wood.

FIG. 4: Numerals 104 and 108 have been added consistent with the discussion in paragraph 49. The edges of the plates and resulting joint between the plates was omitted from the figures and has been added, consistent with paragraph 49. The 2x4 164 has also been crossed hatched as wood in FIGs. 4 and 5.

FIG. 6: The edges of plates 254 and 258 and resulting joint has been shown. This is discussed in paragraph 54.

FIG. 7: FIG. 7 has been corrected to match the original drawing, as suggested by the Examiner.

FIGs. 8a-8d: The 2x4's, 2x2's, and wood pieces shown have been crossed hatched as wood.

FIG. 8b: Reference numerals 484 (bolts) have been changed to 482. It was discovered that the number 484 was used for both the sheets of plywood as well as the bolts. Paragraph 68 of the specification has been correspondingly amended.

FIG. 8c: Reference number 536 has been added. Number 536 is used in paragraph 70 to describe the 2x4 support posts.

REMARKS

Counsel believes that the present amendment resolves all concerns over the application. Counsel has provided a set of replacement drawings which eliminates discrepancies between the original hand drawings and the formal drawings. The replacement drawings also show numbers discussed in the specification but omitted from the original drawings.

Applicant has added a statement in the specification noting that the term "seam" is used to refer to the adjacent plates regardless of the presence or non-presence of a space, which usage is consistent with the dictionary definition of "seam" which refers also to a crack or fissure.

Applicant has amended the claims to remove the term "seam" so as to clarify the claims. Applicant has also amended claim 21 so as to more clearly read on FIG. 3 and so as to be more consistent with the dependent claims.

The office action did not give a 30 day window for response. The Examiner indicated in the telephonic interview that a promptly filed response would be considered as timely in response to the office action. If any extension fee is necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to debit such from the below listed Deposit Account.

Counsel requests that the Examiner call Randall B. Bateman at (801) 533-0320 regarding any further concerns with the application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment and debit any amount owing to Deposit Account No. 50-2720.

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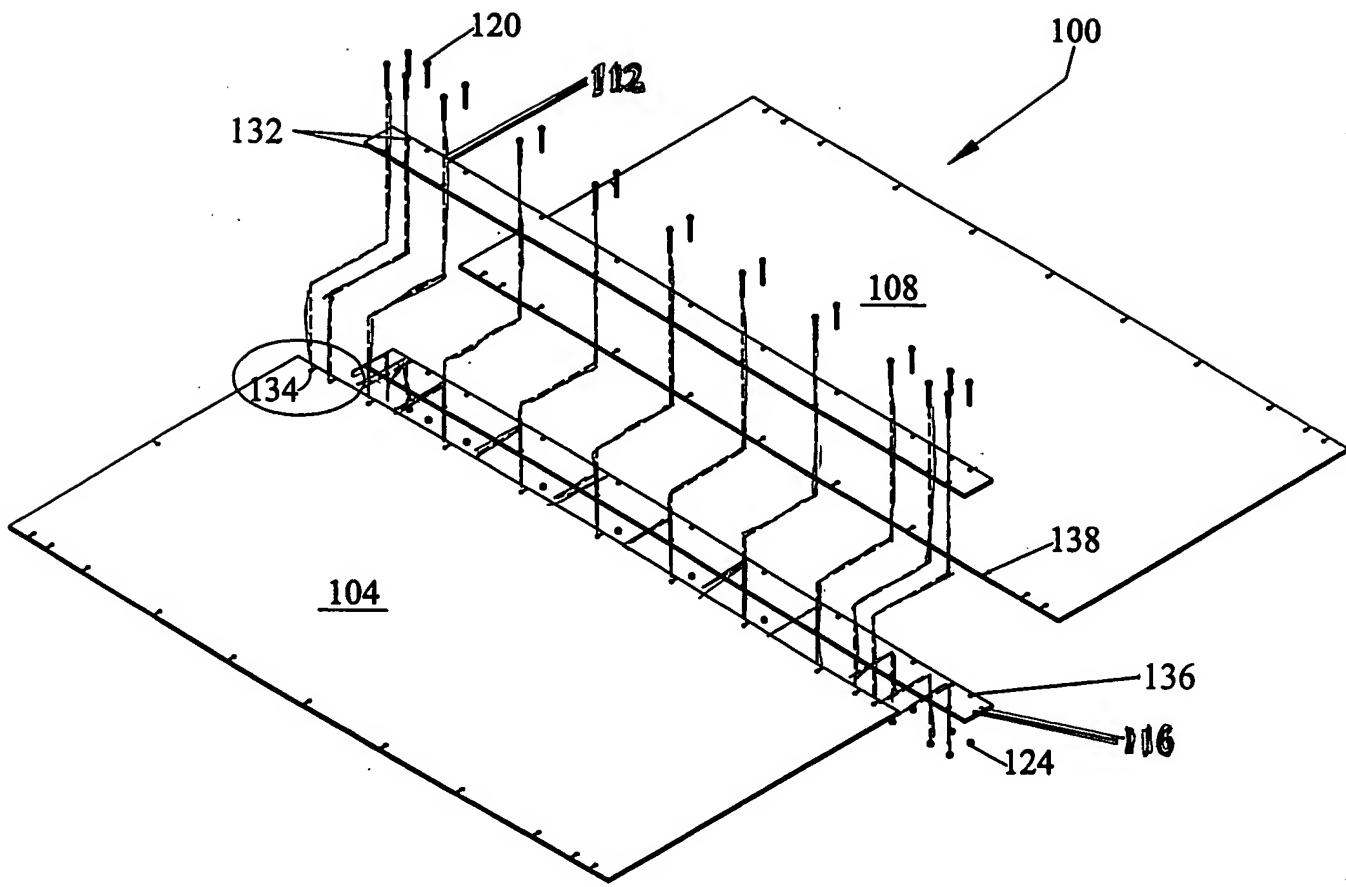


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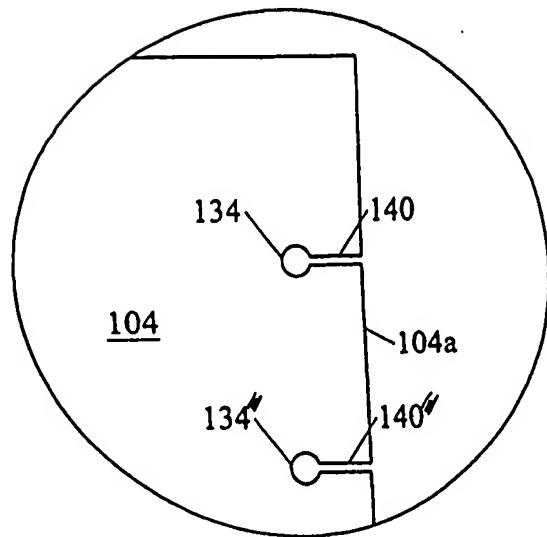


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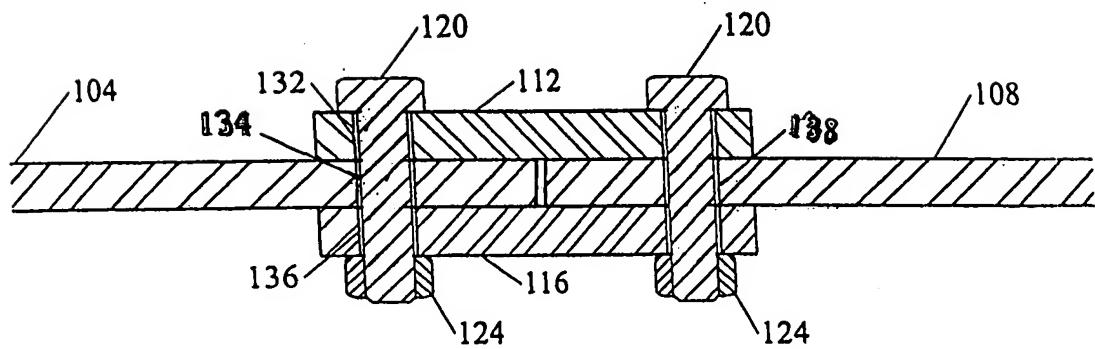


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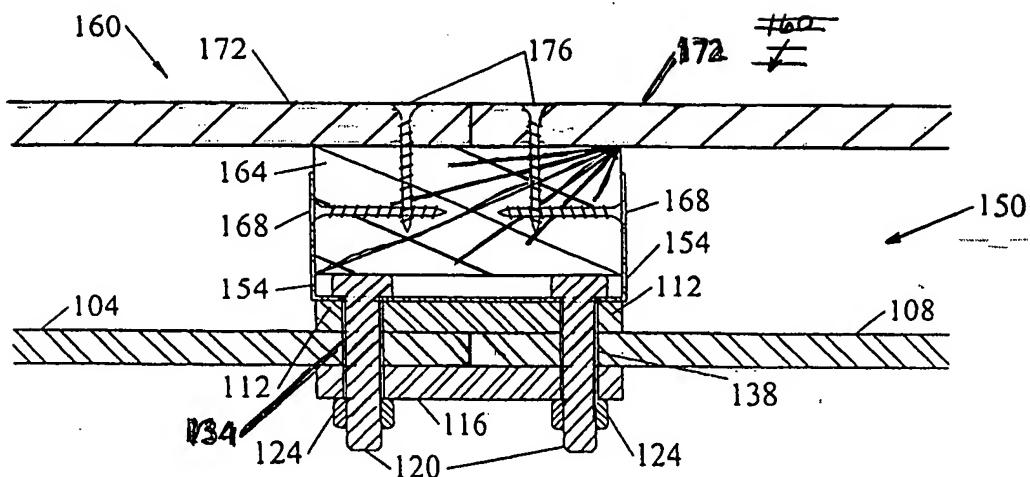


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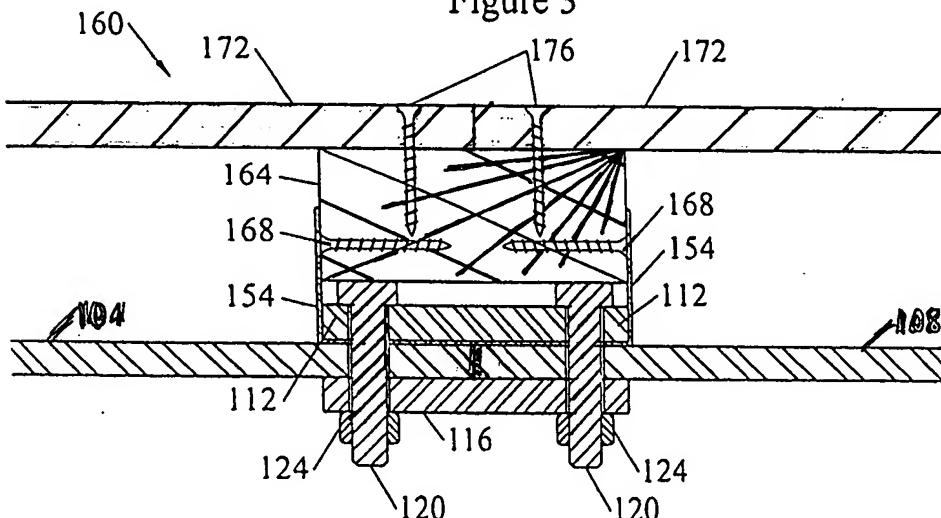


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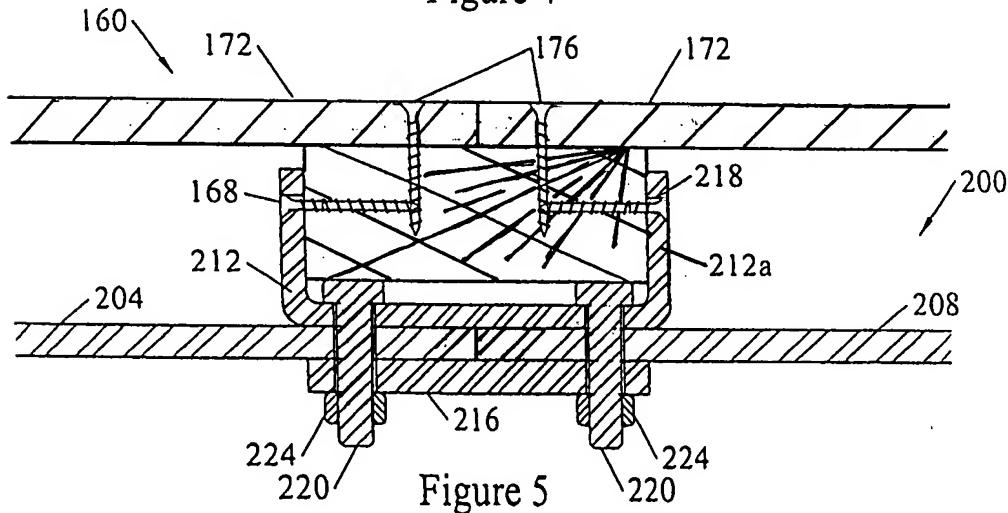


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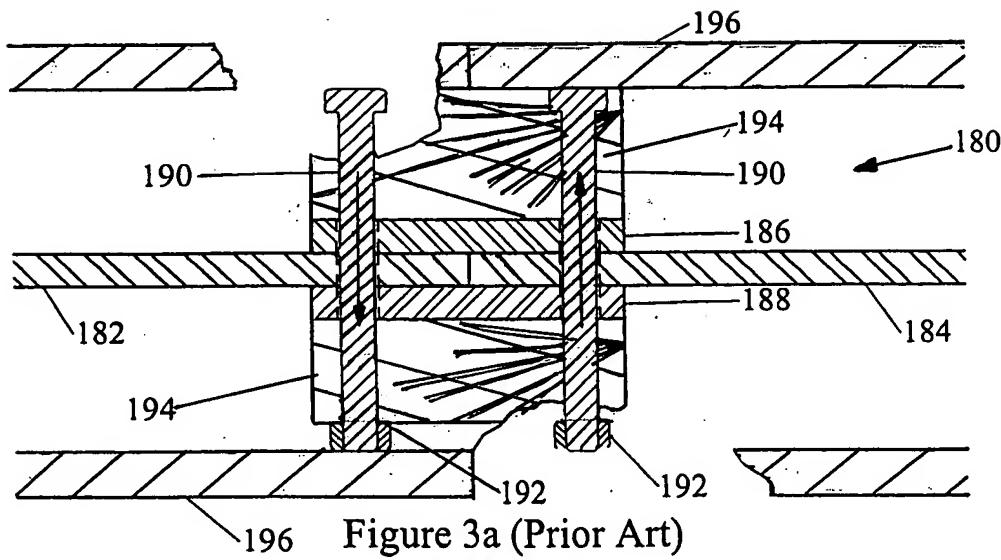


Figure 3a (Prior Art)

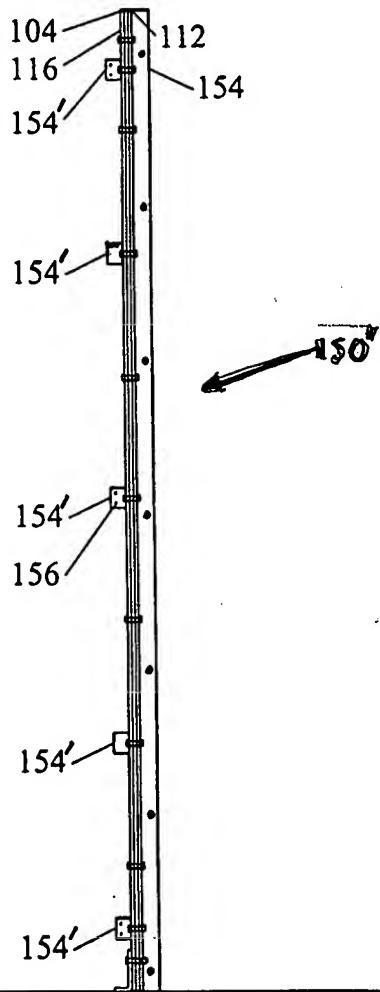


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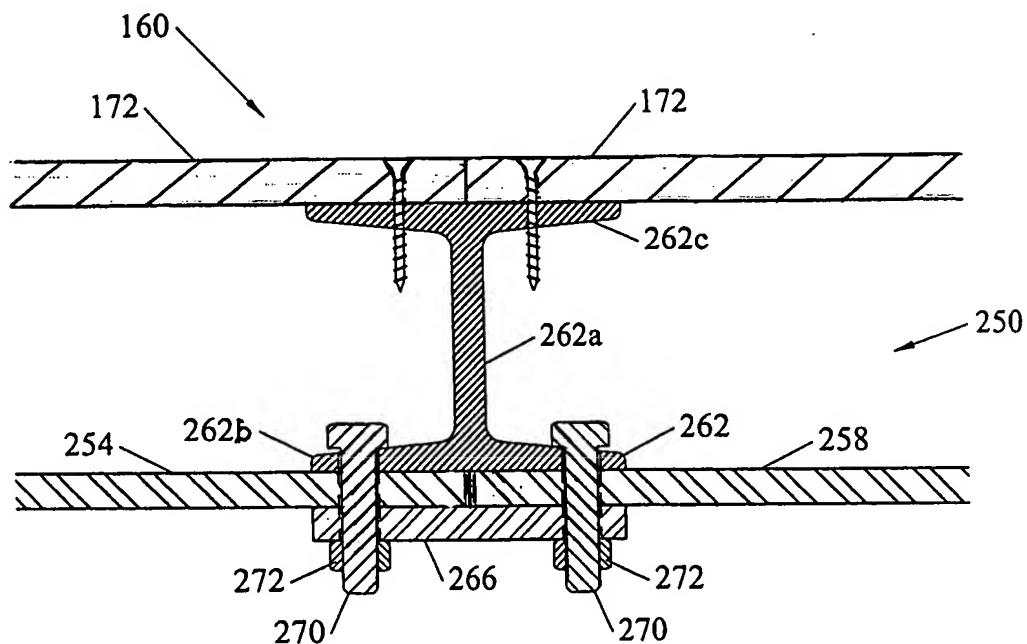


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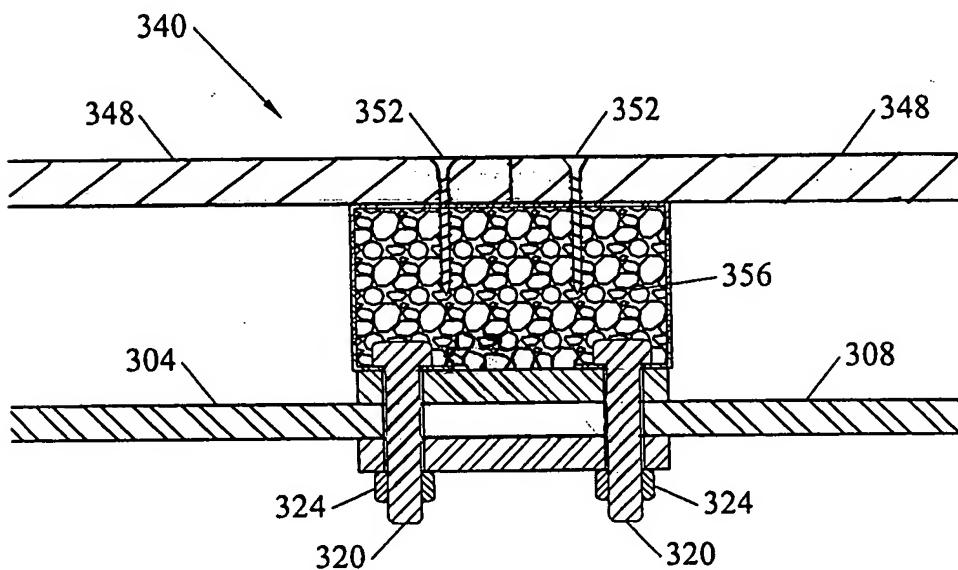


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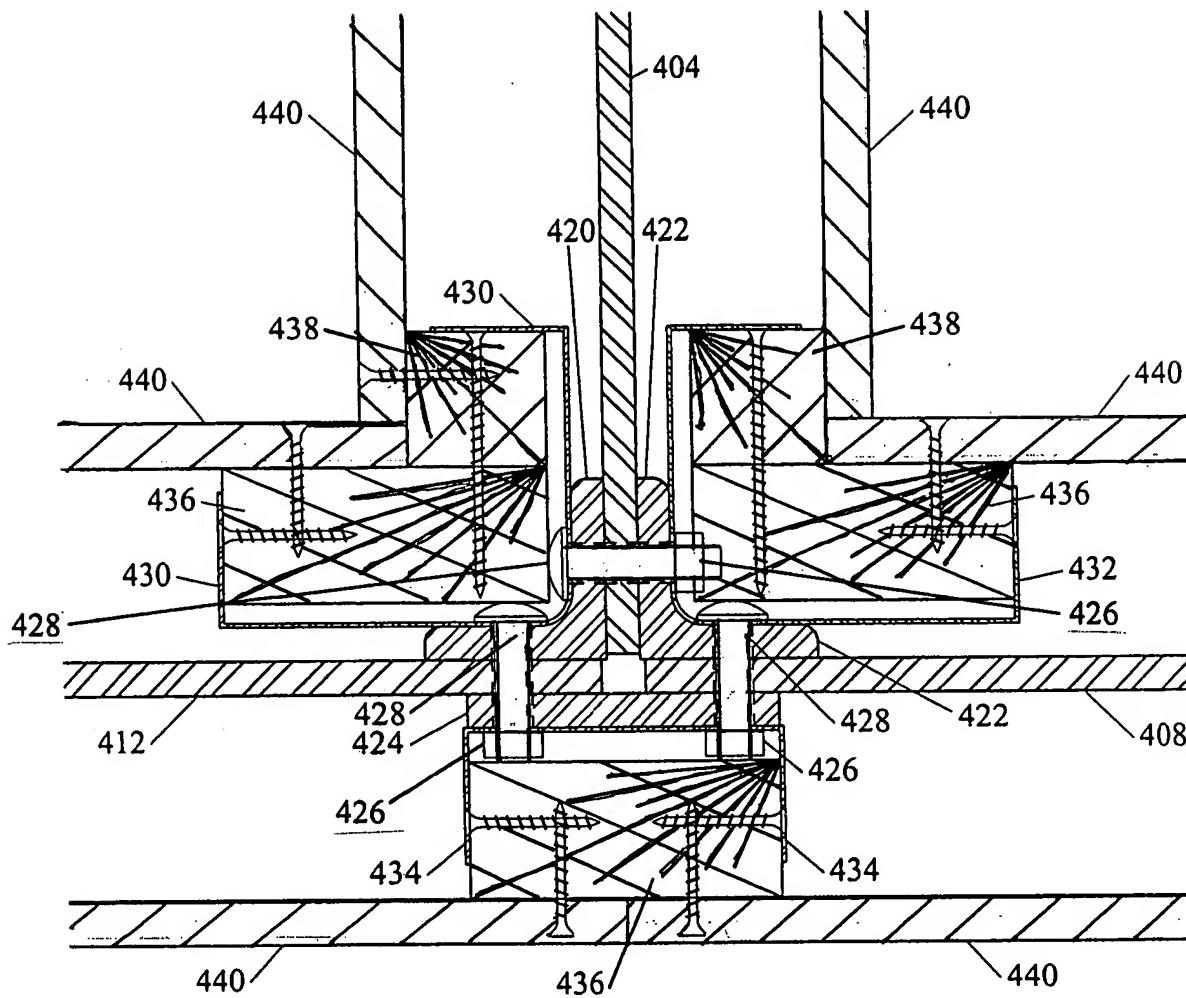


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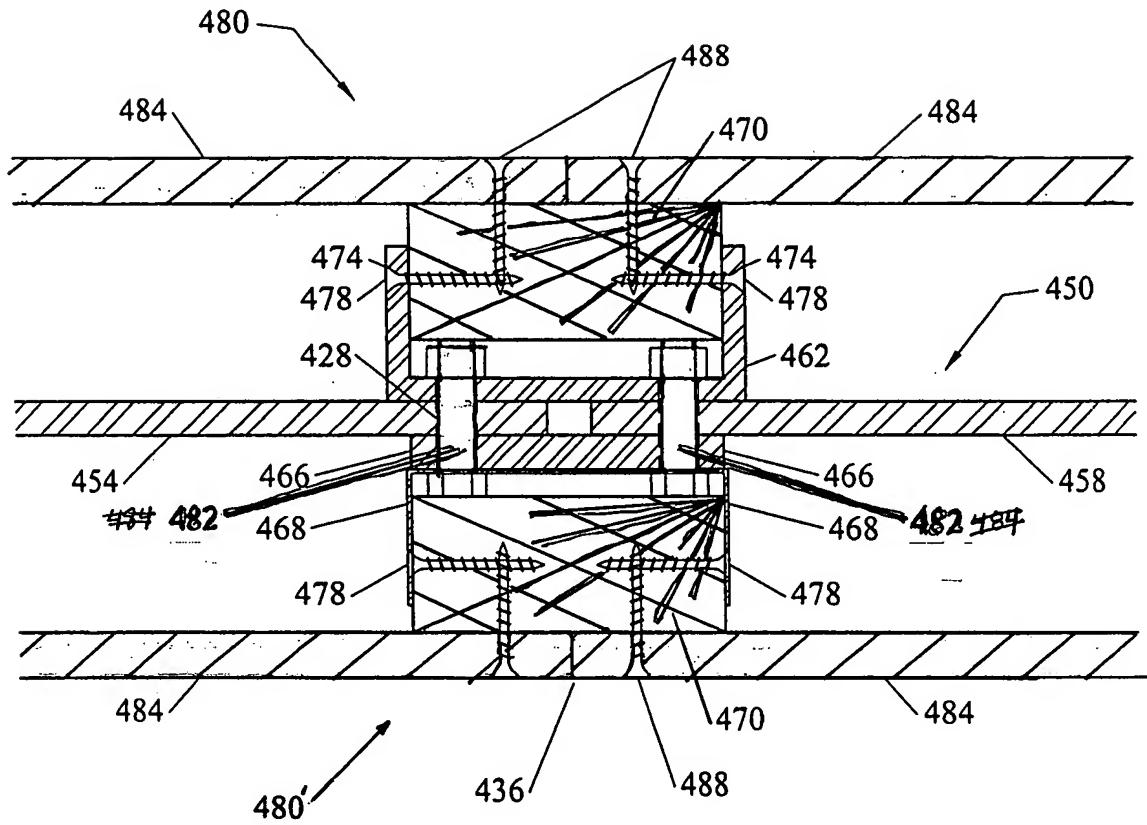


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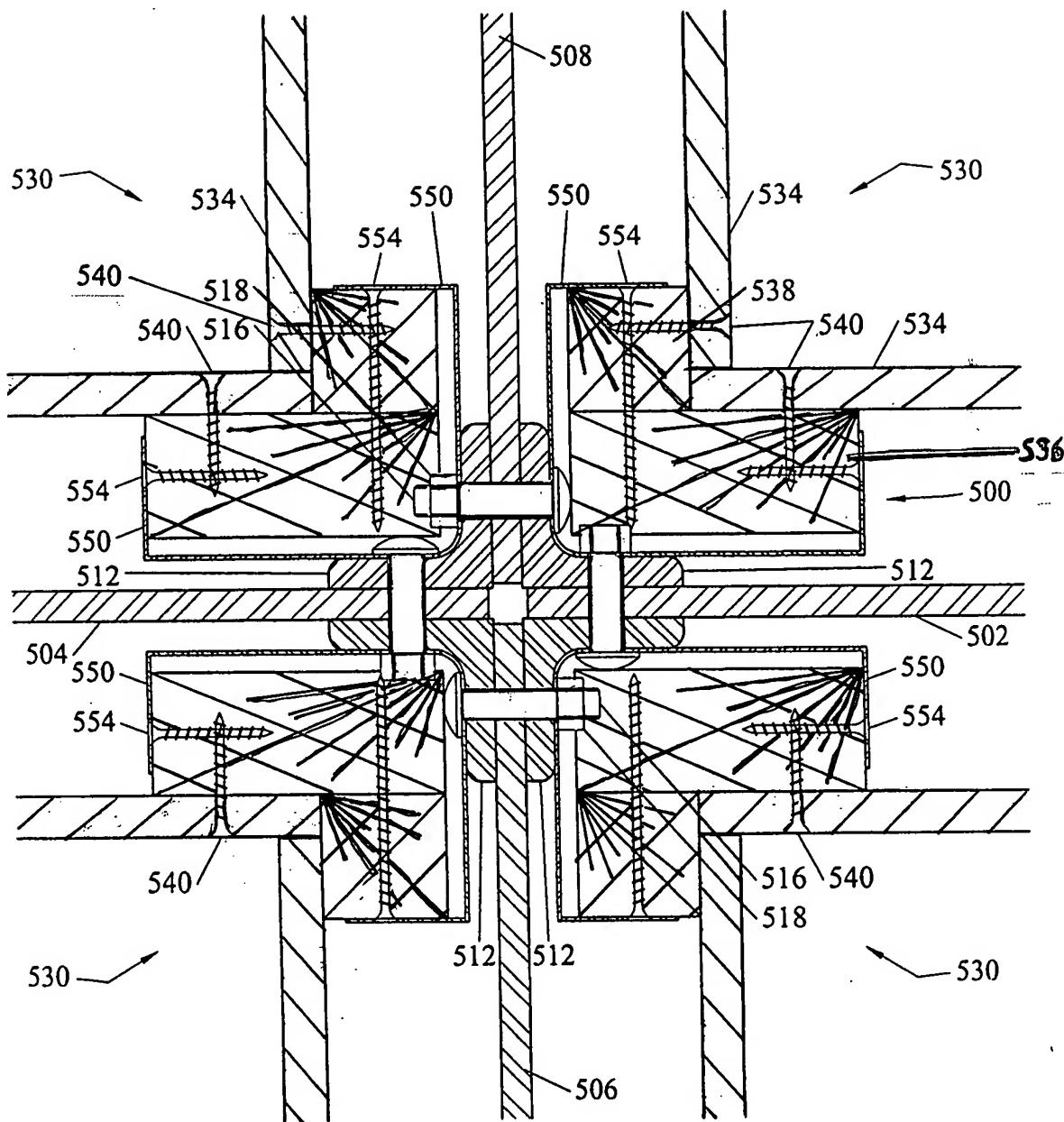


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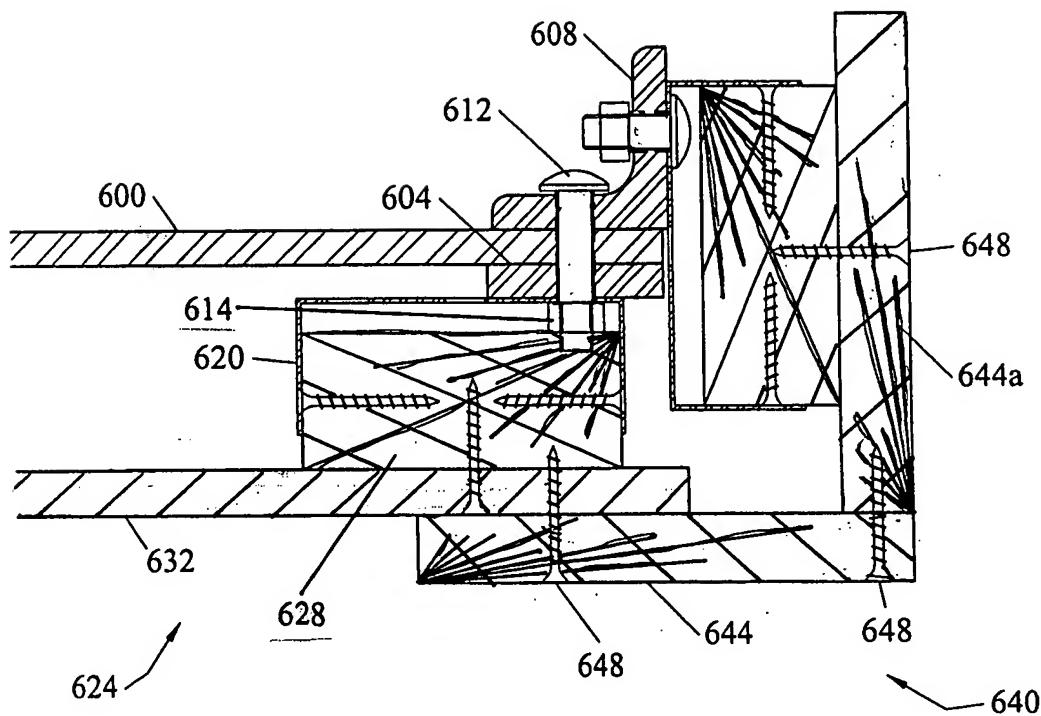


Figure 8d